



April 26, 2024

Dear Parents and Senior Students,

We are looking forward to a successful graduation with many enjoyable senior activities planned. Below is a condensed list of important graduation dates to keep in mind as well as a question-and-answer section to address many of the most asked questions we receive during this time of year.

Important Senior Dates:

Monday May 6 Fees must be satisfied in order to pick up cap & gown on May 13th

Monday May 6 All outside East High make-up & independent study credit is due

Mon-Thu May 6-10 Seniors must request Academic clearance signatures from teachers

Monday May 13 "Block E" & Service-Learning Scholar form due to Maritza.Gannon@slcschools.org

Monday May 13 Jostens delivery of caps and gowns from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Seniors make sure your fees are paid on or before May 6th and return your signed Graduation Clearance form to your counselor by May 13th.

Wednesday May 15 All Canvas Credit Recovery must be completed

Thursday May 23 Senior Awards Night (by invitation only) 5:00pm – 7:00pm in the Auditorium

Friday May 24 Final day to return Library books(Library),classroom novels(teacher), and textbooks(bookstore)

Friday May 24 Final day to return laptop and powercord to the Library or Bookstore

Tuesday May 28 Last Day for seniors to drop off school laptop and equipment

Tuesday May 28 Final deadline to submit all East credit recovery packets

Wednesday May 29 Book Store and Treasurer closed, 12:00pm - 3:00pm to prep for yearbook

Thursday May 30 Mandatory graduation rehearsal 9:00am - 11:00am auditorium

***Check in by the Leopard to pick up your reader name card.**

Thursday May 30 Yearbook Distribution 12:00pm-3:00pm

Friday May 31 Graduation Day at the Huntsman Center

Graduation – Students arrive by 3:30pm at the tunnel on the west side of the Huntsman Center. Commencement Exercises begin at 4:00pm Island Photography will be taking graduation photos for purchase.

Friday May 31 Senior Grad Party 9:00pm-12:30pm @Millcreek Commons

1354 E Chambers Ave, \$15 entrance fee at the door, bring STUDENT ID

Activities are roller skating, climbing wall, wiggle cars, Gaga Ball, splash pad, corn hole, food, &more!!

Sincerely,

Pam Pedersen
Principal

Natosha Washington
Asst. Principal

Jennifer Samples
Asst. Principal

Ronald Litteral
Asst. Principal

Below you will find information concerning graduation, and other Senior items:

1 - WHEN IS THE MANDATORY REHEARSAL FOR THE GRADUATION EXERCISES?

May 30th from 9:00am to 11:00am in **EAST HIGH'S AUDITORIUM**. All graduating students **MUST** attend and participate in this rehearsal!! Seating and procession arrangements will be made at this time. Check in by the Leopard.

2 - WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY?

- **When:** Friday, May 31, 2024. Commencement exercises will begin at 4:00pm. Students must be assembled at Huntsman Center by 3:30pm to prepare for the graduation exercises.
- **Where:** Huntsman Center – 1875 South Campus Dr, University of Utah

3 - WHO WILL GRADUATE?

Students who have successfully completed the graduation requirements of East High School, the Salt Lake City Board of Education and the Utah State Board of Education will graduate and participate in graduation exercises. This includes completing academics, testing requirements, and clearing all fees and fines, etc. If you have questions concerning your graduation status, you should contact your counselor immediately.

4 - WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I GRADUATE?

Most of the seniors know now if they are on track to graduate. Some seniors are still in the process of completing requirements; therefore, it may be late in the term before they know for certain. If you have concerns about your graduation status, please contact your counselor immediately at (801) 584-2923.

The final date to enroll in After School Credit Recovery on Canvas was April 12th.

5 - WHAT SPECIAL DIPLOMAS OR RECOGNITIONS WILL BE GIVEN?

- **Standard Diploma:** Students who earn 24 units of credit (including the specific required credits) in grades 9-12.
- **Certificate of Enriched Curriculum:** Recognition is given for students who have completed the requirements in grades 9-12 and enrolled in a more rigorous schedule. These students will be identified on the graduation program and will also receive a special **gold tassel** for the graduation ceremonies
- **Honors Diploma:** This special diploma is for students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher through semester one of grade 12. These students will receive a special engraved diploma and will wear a gold honor cord during the graduation ceremonies. These cords will be given to students at Senior Awards Night May 23rd.
- **National Honors Society:** Recognized by blue & gold cord.
- **CTE Scholars:** Students who have taken any CTE class and earned 2 or more certificates from the Utah State Skills Certification Tests will receive a red & white cord.

6 - WHAT IS A BLOCK E AND HOW DO I QUALIFY?

If you have participated in an activity, sport, or any academic involvement throughout your 4 years here at East, you can earn a “Block E” certificate and an East High School pin. Once the form is complete and signed, you need to return it to student services or email it to Maritza.Gannon@sleschools.org by Monday, May 13th.

7 - WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED FOR SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY?

- **When:** Thursday, May 23rd at 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- **Where:** East High School Auditorium
- **Who:** seniors who receive an invite, parents, and faculty members. Invitations will be passed to students receiving awards or recognition.

- **What:** The students are the main part of the program. Awards will be presented, and it should be an outstanding evening for all seniors and their parents.

8 - WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING UP CREDIT FOR GRADUATION?

Outside Credit – online classes, purchased packets, etc (**deadline May 6th**)

Credit Recovery – Canvas (**deadline May 15th**)

Credit Recovery – East Packets (**deadline May 28th**)

Incompletes (**deadline May 28th**)

9 - WHO MAY BE RECOGNIZED (WALK) IN THE GRADUATION EXERCISE?

Only seniors academically cleared by their counselor and financially cleared by the treasurer can receive their cap and gown and walk during the graduation exercises at the Huntsman Center. *The last date to be academically cleared for graduation is May 28th.*

10 - WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENT MISCONDUCT?

Any student who is disruptive or who violates any school policy or procedure during the graduation rehearsal, or the ceremony may jeopardize their participation in the graduation ceremony.

11 - WHERE DO I PICK UP MY CAP AND GOWN?

Jostens will be at school to distribute Caps and Gowns to all students cleared on May 13th.

Bring your senior clearance form, receipt, and student ID!

If you cannot pick up your cap and gown at this time, your parents or a classmate may do so with your receipt. If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, do so immediately by contacting Jostens at (801) 467-6968.

12 - ARE ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION EXERCISES?

No, it is optional to participate. However, if you do not participate, you will not get your diploma until June 3rd. Please pick up your diploma M-Th from 9AM-2PM. Please note the school will be closed every Friday starting June 14th. If you have any questions, you can contact the Registrar at 801-583-1661 ext#2112.

13 - WHAT IS THE DRESS STANDARD FOR GRADUATION EXERCISES?

Please dress your best. We suggest avoiding wearing flip-flops, platform, or high heeled shoes for safety reasons.

14 - WHAT DO I RECEIVE FROM THE OFFICIALS IN THE GRADUATION PROCESSION?

You will receive a 2024 red diploma cover.

15 - WHEN WILL I GET MY DIPLOMA?

After the program has ended, you will turn in your gown to representatives from Jostens who will give you a ticket indicating your clearance. You must take this ticket to the designated area to receive your diploma from East High School personnel.

Report Your Scholarships!

Students, if you have received any scholarships, check the East website for the scholarship reporting form. We need to keep an accurate report of all scholarships and awards for each year. This report goes to the SLCSD to show the hard work and how amazing the senior class of 2024 at East High School is doing.

[Scholarship Self-Reporting Form](#)

We want to showcase the scholarships on the graduation program. Please share the info by May 8th.

Fill out your Student Exit Survey!

Please go to the following link and fill out the exit survey. Your participation helps our school!

[Student Survey](#)

GRADUATION AWARDS APPLICATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

AP Scholars Award– (Automatically) Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams.

Biliteracy Seal/Cord- Must prove proficiency in English and another language through testing (in March). See your counselor.

Block E (By application)– Must earn 40 points through academic excellence and/or extracurricular activity. Contact/Email Maritza Gannon in Student Services Office for details. The application due date is May 13, 2024.

Career Pathway Completer – Must complete 3 required credits within a specific pathway with a “C” or better. Contact/email Kim Powell or Anne Martin in the Career Center with questions. The online application due date is April 26, 2024. No paper forms accepted. The application is online only, see fliers with QR code around the building and with all CTE teachers and Counselors.

CTE Scholars: Students who have taken any CTE class and earned 2 or more certificates from the Utah State Skills Certification Tests will receive a red & white cord.

East Theatrical Company Medallion – Contact Kevin McClellan for specifics.

Enriched Certificate – 3.0 Cumulative GPA, 27 total credits, 16.5 academic credits, combined Math/Science 7 credits, Fine Arts 2 credits, World Language 2 credits of consecutive levels (or ESL proficiency). See your counselor for eligibility.

Health Professions Cord – Successful completion of the program’s 4-year course requirements. Contact/email Kim Powell in the Career Center for questions.

Honors Cord – (Automatically) 3.50 Cumulative Grade Point Average upon completing 1st semester of your graduating year.

Military Enlistment Cord – If your post high school plans include enlisting in full time military service or attending a Military Academy, please contact the Registrar.

National Honors Society (NHS) – Two years of successful membership. Contact/email school advisor McKenzie Neufi.

National Merit Scholar – Score high on the optional PSAT in October of your Junior year to attempt to qualify.

Service-Learning Scholar - Extensive volunteer service (typically 150+ hours from 8-12th grade). See Maritza Gannon in Student Services. Service Cord application deadline is May 13th.

Sterling Scholar Award – A school, region, and statewide competition during your senior year in 14 different academic and non-academic categories. Contact advisor Shaunmicheal Bartschi and go to <http://www.sterlingscholar.org/> for specifics.